

# Writing an APA manuscript from Pandoc markdown

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## Abstract

This is just an example of using pandoc (with the help of some build systems) to write in pandoc's markdown syntax for APA manuscripts. The output will be rendered in APA 6 format according to some commands and class options provided by the LaTeX `apa6` package. I also make use of a few pandoc filters downloaded as python modules to get cross-referencing to work. Lastly, I provide a .DOCX version of the build system, though a lot may not translate and will require some additional tweaking.

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## Quick pandoc overview

Words go here, also here is a citation (Lastname & Someone, 2016). According to Burling (2016), something bad happened. See Figure 1. This is a bold statement... **WOW!**, and here's *some emphasis for you* too. Sometimes you need some typewrite-like font, like when writing code: `my_answer = 1 + 1`. Other types you may need to write blocks of code, like this:

```
\begin{table}
\centering
\begin{tabular}{|l|l|}\hline
Age & Frequency \\ \hline
18--25 & 15 \\
26--35 & 33 \end{tabular}
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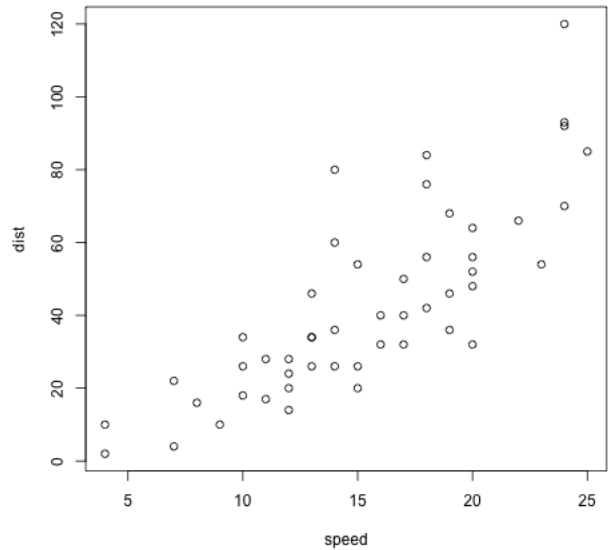


Figure 1. Your figure caption goes here.

```
36--45  & 22 \\ \hline
\end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

See Table 1 for an example on making tables using the default extension. In APA man mode, Tables are sent to the end of the document unless the following is used in the YAML header at the top of this document:

```
classoption:
  - floatsintext
```

Table 1  
*A table.*

Right	Left	Default	Center
12	12	12	12
123	123	123	123
1	1	1	1

- This is another type of pandoc table (2). It should look the same.<sup>1</sup>

Table 2  
*Another one*

Right	Left	Default	Center
12	12	12	12
123	123	123	123
1	1	1	1

<sup>1</sup>Sometimes docx files will have tables that are squished. Autofit the document width to fix.

Table 3

*Using raw latex code*

Age	Frequency
18–25	15
26–35	33
36–45	22

And another multi-line table which is more complicated to make. It may requires a pagebreak in two-column (jou) mode because pandoc uses `longtable` which doesn't work in two-column mode. Some additional latex hacks are added to the template to allow it to work (at the risk of losing content or bleeding off the page. Blame pandoc for using `longtable`).

Fruit	Price	Advantages
Bananas	\$1.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• built-in wrapper</li> <li>• bright color</li> </ul>
Oranges	\$2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cures scurvy</li> <li>• tasty</li> </ul>

- Here's some raw latex code. It won't be recognized unless the output is LaTeX/pdf and you have to proper parse-raw option set. It's the same LaTeX code block from above rendered as an actual Table 3. The position may shift because it's a floating environment.
- Here's an example of inline LaTeX math,  $p = .0499$ .
- Here's a an example of using LaTeX syntax for displaying equations.

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

Pandoc doesn't know how to make inline headings when converting to Word. If you put the cursor at the end of the heading, press Ctrl+Alt+Enter and it will move it down.

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